

## **Building Department**

### **Why do I need drawings? I'll build it to code!**

I get a lot of questions similar to the above and the answer is understandable when you look at the reasons for plans. Plans (drawings) are just that, they are what you are planning to build. Without plans, no one will really understand what you really want. The plans, if done correctly, clearly show just what is to be built. They will show the owner, builder & inspector what the project is so they can do their jobs correctly.

The owner uses the plans to convey to the builder and inspector just what is to be constructed. With a good set of drawings, the builder then can price and built without guessing what the owner thinks he is to do, and the inspector can review the job to see if it meets the building code before it's built.

*“What I have found over the years, the better the plans, the better the job.”*

*Peter R. Williams, Ellington Building Inspector*